

# COLORADO LIVESTOCK MARKETS *Animal Health and Welfare*

## Animal Health

An accredited veterinarian or State/APHIS representative shall be on the facility premises on all sale days. Veterinary inspection shall occur prior to the sale— animals which are diseased, injured, disabled beyond recovery or non-ambulatory may not be sold at a public livestock market. The Market Veterinarian has the authority to decide if an animal is unacceptable for sale.

## NON-AMBULATORY ANIMALS

Colorado law addresses two basic concerns: 1) That non ambulatory livestock are not sold at auction markets  
2) That livestock exhibiting clinical signs of disease such as lump jaw, cancer eye, pneumonia or other systemic disease are not presented for sale at livestock auction markets  
Pre-Existing Conditions – the owner is responsible for treatment, euthanasia, and disposal.

## ANIMAL WELFARE

Livestock markets have taken a leadership role in providing the proper care and handling of all livestock. The market veterinarian may inform the Colorado State Veterinarian's Office regarding any animal that is removed from the market for suspicion of a livestock disease or a potential violation of the Animal Cruelty Statutes. In such cases, the livestock market is responsible for obtaining the name and address of each consignor.

## RECORD-KEEPING

Documents such as weight tickets, sales slips, and records of origin, identification, and destination that relate to livestock associated with the livestock market sale shall be maintained by the facility for a period of 2 years. Sheep and goat records need to be kept for a period of 5 years.

### TRICHOMONIASIS

Bulls over 18 months of age shall have a negative trich test, within 30 days prior to sale.

Bulls between 12-18 months of age must either have a virgin bull affidavit or be trich tested.

Non-virgin bulls who have not been trich tested need to be identified at the markets as "slaughter only." A special back-tag or another reasonable method may be used to identify them in order to prevent their use as breeding bulls.

The Colorado State Veterinarian in the Animal Industry Division of the Colorado Department of Agriculture is responsible for animal health and disease control activities in Colorado as written in state statute and rules.

#### STATE VETERINARIANS OFFICE

700 KIPLING STREET, SUITE 4000  
LAKEWOOD CO 80215  
303.239.4161  
[WWW.COLORADO.GOV/AG/ANIMALS](http://WWW.COLORADO.GOV/AG/ANIMALS)

#### USDA FEDERAL OFFICE

755 PARFET STREET, SUITE 136  
LAKEWOOD, CO 80215  
303.231.5385

### SCRAPIE

All sheep and goats that enter a livestock market must have official Scrapie flock ID ear tags. If they are not tagged, tagging will be done—additional expense may be incurred by the owners.

Relevant records related to those identified animals must be maintained by the livestock market for 5 years.

Tags are required for the following:

- 1) All sexually intact sheep & goats
- 2) Wethers over 18 months of age

For tagging requirements contact the State Vet's Office  
To obtain tags, contact USDA at 303.231.5385

### BRUCELLOSIS (B. OVIS)

No person may sell a ram over 6 months of age for breeding purposes unless the ram has been tested for B. ovis within 30 days prior to the date of the sale.

Prior to sale, untested rams over 6 months of age shall be identified with a B. ovis "slaughter only" eartag or a paint brand on the top of the back. This brand shall be a "Q" not less than 4 inches in height.